

FIG. 5B

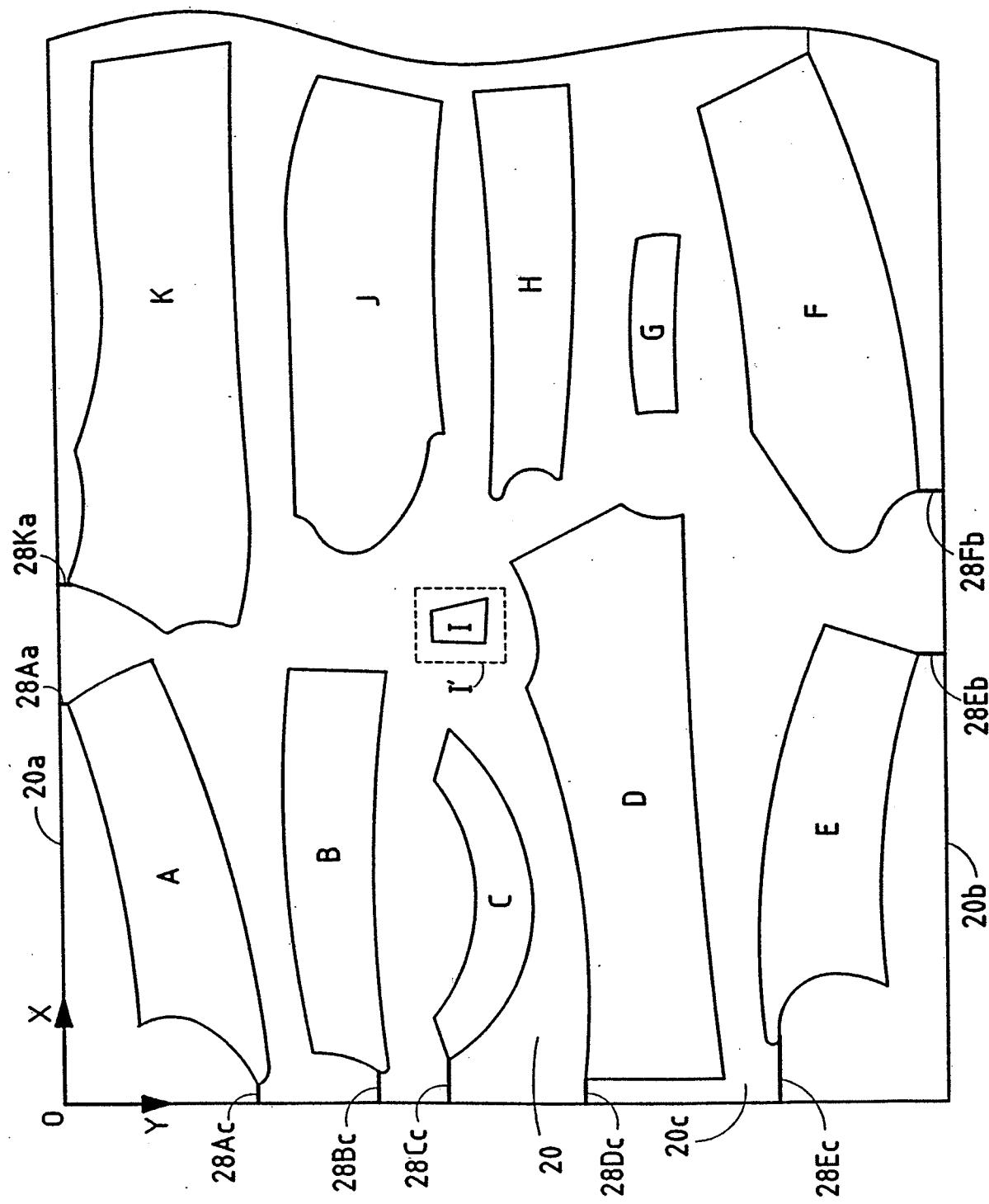


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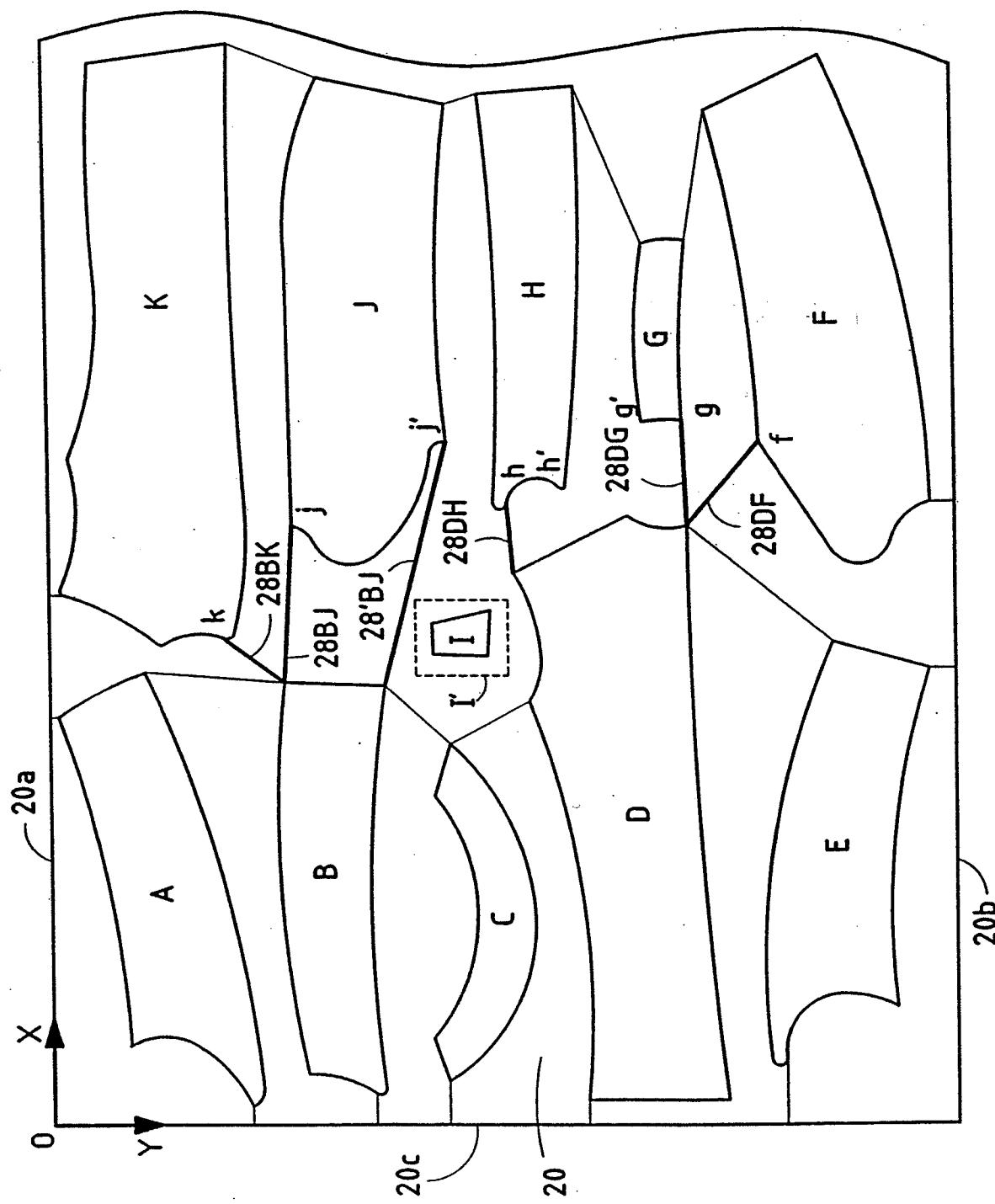


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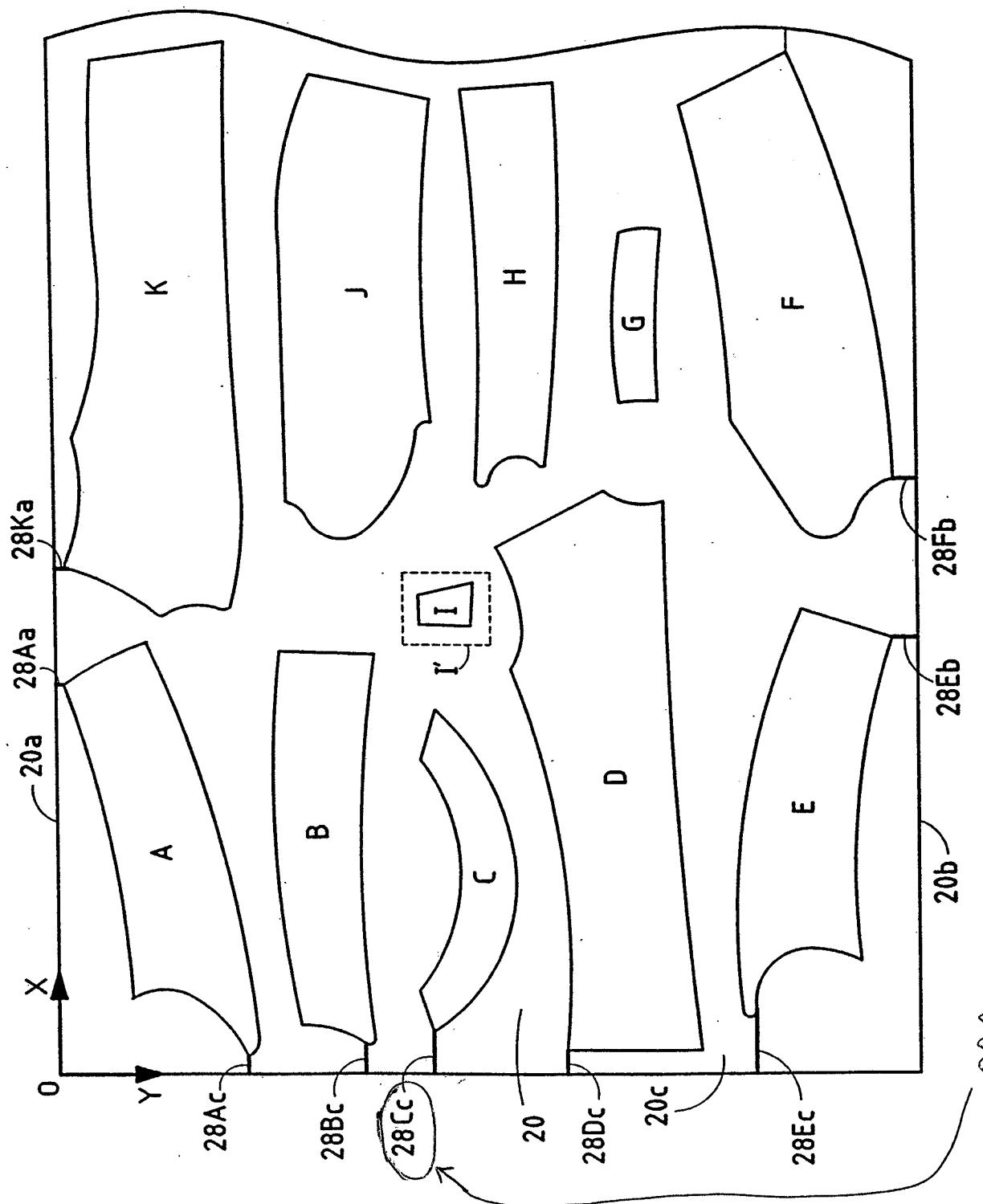
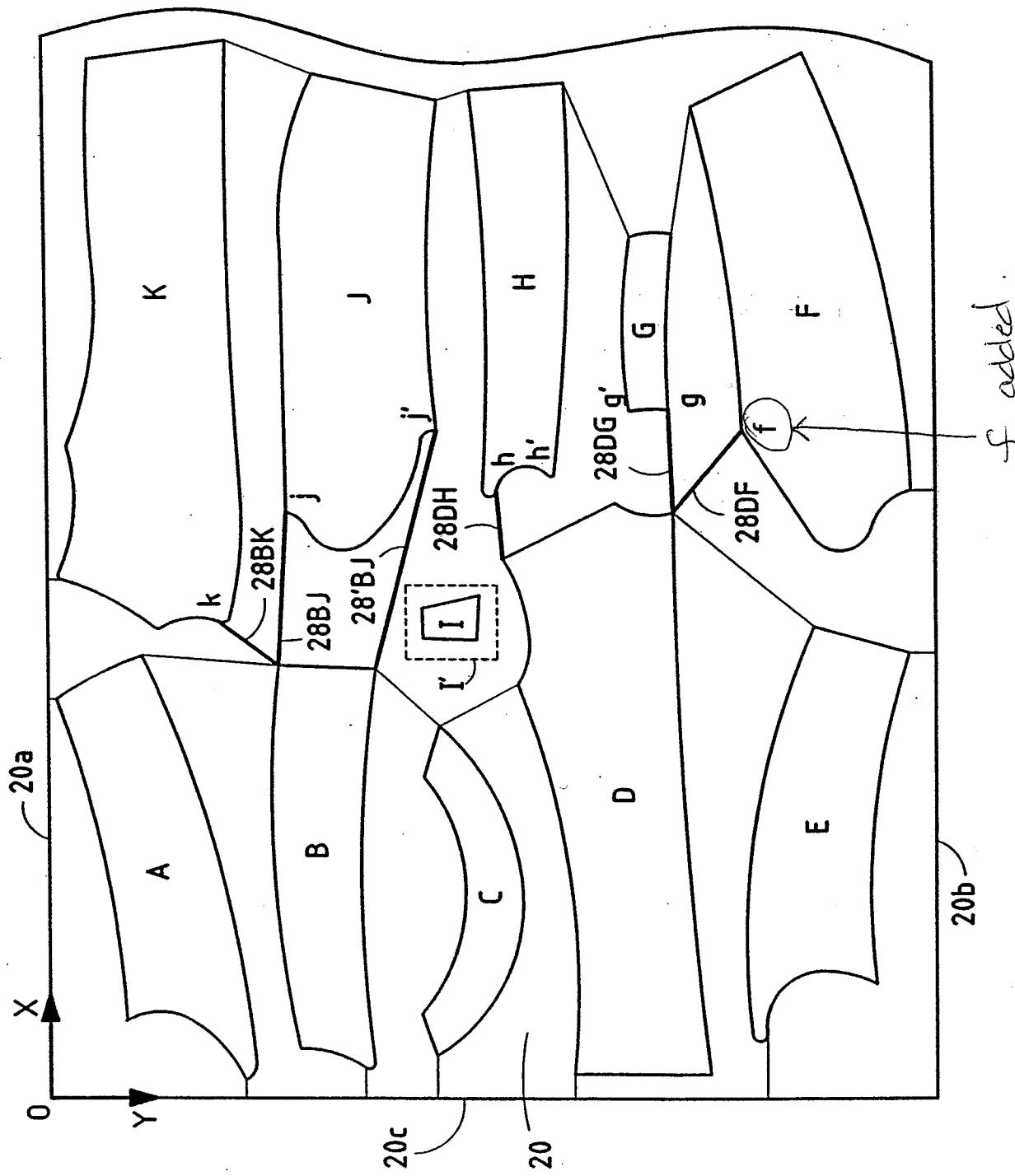


FIG. 5D



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| Title: | Method and Installation for Automatically Cutting and Removing Stacks of Pieces in a Web of Sheet Material |) | |

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

The Applicant respectfully requests the amendment of the following:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Cross-related application:

This application is a 35 U.S.C. §371 application of International PCT Application No. PCT/FR00/01693; filed June 21, 1999.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-40 without prejudice.

Please add claims 41-80, which are attached hereto.